

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 822

By Finney

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Mrs. Marie Pentecost Mangum on the celebration of her 90th birthday.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pay tribute to those citizens who are celebrating special occasions in their estimable lives; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Marie Pentecost Mangum is celebrating her 90th birthday on May 31, 2014, a milestone she is commemorating as yet another precious souvenir of life's rich pageant; and

WHEREAS, born in Palmersville in Weakley County to her parents, Cayce and Carrie LaFon Pentecost, Marie Pentecost Mangum moved to Dresden with her family during her pre-school years and has lived there ever since; and

WHEREAS, she grew up with two siblings, the late LaRue Dunn and the late Cayce Pentecost, and as a child she attended Dresden Elementary School. She graduated from Dresden High School in 1942 and then attended Murray State University for two years; and

WHEREAS, in the summer of 1944, Mrs. Mangum pledged herself wholeheartedly to this nation's World War II effort by enrolling at Austin Peay State University in the Department of Commerce's program to teach women to fly airplanes from base to base in relief of military pilots; and

WHEREAS, she then attended the University of Tennessee at Knoxville, where she was a member of Tri Delta Sorority, and graduated from that fine institution in 1946 with a bachelor's degree in education; and

WHEREAS, in 1947, Marie Pentecost was joined in holy matrimony with William A. Mangum, a Captain in the U.S. Army Air Corps who distinguished himself as a hero during

World War II, and the loving couple enjoyed fifty-four years of marital bliss before Mr. Mangum's passing in 2001; and

WHEREAS, the Mangums were blessed with three children; their daughter, Jenny Marie, passed away far too soon in November 1997; and

WHEREAS, in addition to raising her family, Mrs. Mangum worked in both the public and private sectors. She taught three years in public schools, served as secretary for her father, Weakley County Judge Cayce Pentecost, worked for the Office of Economic Opportunity for two years as the Social Director for five counties, and served as secretary for her husband's family's business, Mangum Oil Company; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Mangum hails from a family of devoted public servants, and she is also politically active and a firm believer in civic responsibility and community involvement; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Mangum is related to several icons of Tennessee political history. She is the first cousin of Harmon McWherter, father of Governor Ned Ray McWherter; and Pauline LaFon Gore, the mother of Vice President Albert Gore, Jr.; and her brother is the late Cayce Pentecost, who served on the Public Service Commission and in the Tennessee House of Representatives and was Deputy Governor under Governor Frank Clement; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Mangum expresses her devout faith by attending Dresden First Baptist Church, where she has been a member for seventy-seven years and faithfully served as a former choir member, Sunday school teacher, and Girls in Action leader; and

WHEREAS, as she celebrates this milestone, Mrs. Mangum is fortunate to share love and companionship with her children and their spouses, Andy and Patsy Mangum and Amy and Rick Finney, her grandchildren and their spouses, Senator Lowe Finney and his wife, Tiffany, Lauren Dunlap and her husband, Zach, Kasey Mangum Clymer and her husband, Mark, and Matthew Mangum, and her great-grandchildren, Paul Daniel Finney and Emilia Marie Clymer; and

WHEREAS, we wish to grasp this golden opportunity to specially recognize one of Tennessee's most outstanding citizens on this very special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we join with the family and many friends of Mrs. Marie Pentecost Mangum in celebrating this sweet lady's 90th birthday. We extend to Mrs. Mangum our best wishes for many happy returns of the day.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.